The Guinea GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Guinea could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Guinea GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th conducted in 2008.

Prevalence
13.3% of students had ever smoked cigarettes
   (Male = 19.1%, Female = 6.4%)
26.1% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 30.8%, Female = 20.0%)
7.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 11.6%, Female = 1.6%)
21.6% currently use other tobacco products
   (Male = 23.4%, Female = 18.9%)
16.5% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes
36.3% think boys and 34.1% think girls who smoke have more friends
35.2% think boys and 35.1% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers
24.6% usually smoke at home
39.4% buy cigarettes in a store

Cessation - Current Smokers
85.5% want to stop smoking
80.4% tried to stop smoking during the past year

Media and Advertising
70.9% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
68.3% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
64.6% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
28.6% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
23.5% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)
27.7% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
52.3% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
71.6% think smoking should be banned from public places
36.4% think smoke from others is harmful to them
19.3% have one or more parents who smoke
3.8% have most or all friends who smoke

School
53.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
35.3% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
55.4% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

HIGHLIGHTS
• 26.1% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 7.1% currently smoke cigarettes; 21.6% currently use some other form of tobacco.
• SHS exposure is low – Slightly more than one-quarter of the students live in homes where others smoke, and just over half of the students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; Nearly 20% of the students have at least one parent who smokes.
• Nearly two in five students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
• Seven in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
• 85.5% of the current smokers want to stop smoking.
• More than one-quarter of the students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
• Seven in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; Seven in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and 64.6% saw pro-tobacco ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.

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